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For: **DIAGNOSTIC SEQUENCING BY A
COMBINATION OF SPECIFIC CLEAVAGE
AND MASS SPECTROMETRY**

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 1, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated June 1 2004. A response is due on December 1, 2004 by virtue of the attached fee and petition for a five-month extension of time to respond. No other fees are believed to be due, however, should any fees be deemed necessary in connection with the present paper, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Amendments to the Specification. There are **no** amendments to the specification.

Amendments to the claims there are **no** amendments to the claims.

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